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Carter Picks Old Shipmate To Make CIA Shipshape

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Washington (News Bureau)—Admiral Stansfield Turner, 53, commander in chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe and a Naval Academy classmate of President Carter, will be nominated as the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the White House said yesterday.

Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell said that Carter believes Turner "is eminently qualified for this position with a broad background militarily and academically." Turner, a Rhodes scholar, was graduated 25th in the class of 1946 at Annapolis; that same year, Carter finished 59th in the class of 820 men.

An expert on the Soviet Navy, Turner has served as director of systems analysis in the office of the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon, as president of the Naval War College, and as commander of the U.S. 2d Fleet.

Sees Balance Against U.S.

Asked if Turner's area of expertise had prompted Carter to name him CIA director, Powell said: "The President has publicly expressed his concern about the relative strength (of the Soviet Navy), not so much the existing relationship but the future."

Writing in the current issue of Foreign Affairs magazine, Turner warned that "the balance is slowly tipping against us" in nuclear-powered submarines. "We had better watch carefully to see how vigorously the Soviets con-

tinue to push their submarine programs and how well our technological and tactical advances progress," he said.

But he also warned against "doomsday" prophecies in the same article. He wrote: "A doomsday picture convincingly drawn for a congressional budgetary committee may negatively influence

other nations' perceptions of our naval effectiveness. And a few extra ships in the budget or at sea may not be enough to overcome an inaccurate perception of weakness."

An innovator during his time at the Naval War College, Turner allowed his students to be out of uniform, except on special military occasions, and made them study the history of warfare, from ancient times to the present. He even invited military critics to address the college to give his students both sides of controversial issues like Vietnam.

First reaction to Turner's nomination was favorable. "I know of no adverse reaction, so far," said Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd (W.Va.). Senate Republican Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. (Tenn.) said the only question in his mind was whether Turner should be allowed to remain on active duty. He said he did not consider this a major problem, however.